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Dear Generous Donor,

The Denver Ronald McDonald House and our families want to thank you for your recent donation of pop tabs! The money we receive from recycling the pop tabs goes into our House Operations fund, which pays for everything we need to keep this House open and running. We sincerely appreciate your support!

Up to thirty-one families sleep at our House on any given night. All of them are far from home and have a child that is in need of advanced medical treatment. Anything we can do to make their stay more comfortable is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us to help our families!

Sincerely,

Cassandra McKee
Denver House Manager
Denver Ronald McDonald House

If a client donates property to a charitable organization, a deduction is generally allowed for the fair market value of the property. The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation both have concluded that the fair market value-based deduction for donations of clothing and household items present difficult tax administration issues. As recently reported by the IRS, the amount claimed as deductions in tax year 2003 for clothing and household items was more than \$9 billion. Under the new law, no deduction is allowed for a charitable donation of clothing or household items unless the clothing or household item is in "good" used condition or better. The IRS is also given authority to deny by regulation a deduction for any donation of clothing or a household item that has minimal monetary value, such as used socks and used undergarments (IRS Sec. 170(f)(16) as amended by Pension Protection Act). Household items include: Furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances, linens, and other similar items. Food, paintings, antiques, and other objects of art, jewelry and gems, and collections are excluded from the new rules. Also excluded are clothing and household items if the deduction claimed is more than \$500 and the donor files a qualified appraisal with his or her return.